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SUBJECT: BEIRUT PRESS REPORT OF U.S. INVOLVEMENT IN ARMS
SHIPMENTS

1. FRONT PAGE BANNER HEADLINES OF JULY 31 ISSUE OF PROLIBYAN
"AL-KIFAH AL- ARABI" PROCLAIM: OFFICIAL REPORT REVEALS ROLE
OF AMEMBASSY IN RECENT EVENTS THREE ARMS DEALS ARRIVED IN BEIRUT
IN NAME OF EMBASSY AND WERE DISTRIBUTED TO MEMBERS OF WELL
KNOW RIGHTIST PARTY".

2. TEXT OF STORY ALLEGES THAT "ONE OF OFFICIAL DEPARTMENTS
HAS RECEIVED SPECIAL REPORT FROM ONE OF ITS SOURCES EXPLAINING
IN DETAIL NEW ASPECTS OF ARMS DEAL EXPOSED IN AMERICA FOR
THE ACCOUNT OF A LEBANESE ARMENIAN DEALER.
SURPRISE WAS NOT ABOUT THIS DEAL ITSELF, BUT ABOUT OTHER ARMS
DEALS WHICH HAVE ARRIVED IN LEBANON THROUGH AMEMBASSY ITSELF,
WHICH HAS PREVIOUSLY DENIED IN AN OFFICIAL STATEMENT THAT IT
HAS ANY CONNECTION WITH SUCH DEALS. THIS SERIOUS REPORT
INCLUDES FOLLOWING POINTS: (A) PISTOL DEAL WAS FOR ACCOUNT OF
ARMENIAN DEALER FOR PURPOSE OF ARMING ONE OF RIGHTIST PARTIES
(B) THIS DEAL WAS THIRD OF ITS KIND WITHIN ON MONTH (C) FIRST
AND SECOND DEALS INCLUDED VARIOUS ARMS (I.E. MORE THAN PISTOLS
SHIPPED TO BEIRUT IN NAME OF AMEMBASSY; (D) THESE ARMS WERE
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USED IN RECENT EVENTS THAT HAVE TAKEN PLACE IN LEBANON. THSI

REPORT ALSO MENTIONED THAT OFFICIAL AMERICAN QUARTERS ARE IMPOSING A BLACK OUT ON THE INVESTIGATIONS GOING ON IN WASHINGTON ON THIS SUBJECT. IF NEWS OF THEM WERE TO SPREAD, THIS WOULD HAVE UNFAVORABLE REPRECUSIONS FOR UMS. BECAUSE OF IT DIRECT ROLE IN RECENT EVENTS".

3. IN REPOSE TO PRESS INQUIRIES, EMBASSY IS STAYING THAT NO ARMS DESTINED FOR PRIVATE PARTIES HAVE BEEN SHIPPED TO BEIRUT IN NAME OF AMEMBASSY
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